

# The Goodwill Messenger

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*Village Church—Open and Affirming—You are welcome here*

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## Minister's Message

Dear Friends,

Cummington is a town with many distinctions. It has a remarkable array of governmental and non-governmental organizations with strength and overlap. It has an excellent location with the river, the foothills, and a major east-west state artery.

It has rural agricultural and recreational strengths. It has a rich historical archive. It is considered beautiful with its villages off the highway, so much so that a coffee table book titled, *The Most Beautiful Villages in New England*, included it among its two dozen towns (and that was in 1997; some of those other towns have worsened while Cummington is basically the same).

It has a significant retail stop. It has a rich mix of people of differing classes and educational backgrounds. It has plenty of young people who care about old people and plenty of old people willing to listen to young people. Both long-timers and newcomers seem respected.

Give thanks for this town and enjoy the fair!

In faith and service,

—Rev. Jon

**Summer ministry hours:** I will be less regularly in Cummington in July and August, and it's best to call if you would like an appointment (413-624-3025). Family vacation and leave will mean I will be away from the area August 10–15 and 18–20. I will be able to respond to emergencies, and it is always best to leave a phone message for me in such cases. Hope to see you otherwise!

Please check out the Village Church website  
[cummingtonvillagechurch.org](http://cummingtonvillagechurch.org)

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## 147th Annual Cummington Fair

The Fair will run from August 27–30 this year. The gate opens at 4 PM on Thursday and Friday and 7 AM on Saturday and Sunday. There will be the usual displays and horse and ox pulls and magicians and comedy and country music on the stage.

The brochure can be downloaded at <http://cummingtonfair.com/2015-brochure>.

There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called *yesterday* and the other is called *tomorrow*, so today is the right day to love, believe, do and mostly live.

—Dalai Lama

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## Service on the Hill; 10 AM Sunday August 16

All are invited to join parishioners from the Village Church and the West Cummington Church for this beautiful, annual outdoor service. The location is at the top of Potash Hill at the historical site marking one of the earliest, single meeting houses. Take Potash Hill road off of 112 to the top: it is an occasion to enjoy a common spirit and community in a wonderful spot.

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## Summer Service Program

Final Greenwood Services; 10 AM on Sundays Aug. 2 & 9

Be sure to invite family and friends to our penultimate service, August 2, with the Greenwood Music Camp. Attendance at the August 9 service on Parents' Weekend can mean a sanctuary: come early for seating with thank yous to those helping out in terms of hospitality (a reception for campers and parents follows). If you know someone coming for Parents Weekend on August 8–9, there are still several Cummington hosts offering a B&B-type stay in exchange for a donation to the church. Contact Rev. Jon ([jonrehmus@gmail.com](mailto:jonrehmus@gmail.com)/413-624-3025).

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## August At the Village Church

August 2—Service 10 AM with Greenwood

August 9—Service 10 AM, Last Greenwood Sunday

August 16—Service on the Hill with West Cummington Church, 10 AM

**Please Note:** Friday Night Café is taking time off in July and August. See you again in September!

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## Wired West

As of print date, only 17 more subscribers are needed to reach the goal of 40% of households subscribed in Cummington. Please sign up if you haven't already.

For \$49 a you can have 25 Mbps Internet, which is three times as fast as the best local offering today. Other benefits include 100 Mbps superfast internet service for \$79 a month, full phone service, with nationwide calling, for an additional \$25 a month; TV service (competitive pricing and offerings to be determined).

For questions: <https://register.wiredwest.net>

To rent the church space for classes, concerts, meetings, etc., please call Scott at 634-5084. The church charges a very nominal fee to cover upkeep & heat. We love having the building used!!

## Greenwood Campers Return

The Village Church is once again blessed with the attendance of the talented campers from the Greenwood Music Camp. Every year we get to share in the joy, high spirits and energy of this group.

They've been opening with a string quartet, singing anthems, and helping out Reverend Jon with readings and collections. Their presence creates a spirit of renewal for the congregation and gets us ready for autumn and the holidays to come.

They present free recital concerts at 7:30 PM on Saturdays, in the Music Barn at the camp on Harlow Road. It's a great way to hear some good classical music well played.



A string quartet opening the service



Congregation and campers singing a hymn



Gregory Hayes leads the choir in an anthem



Greenwood campers enjoy the reception



String quartet performs at the Music Barn



Piano quintet playing at the Barn



Gregory Hayes leads the campers in a musical offering

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## PLAINFIELD CONCERTS at 7

Concerts at 7 will present its seventh celebrated summer series at the classically beautiful Plainfield Congregational Church in August. The response to last summer's program presented by the acclaimed Wistaria Chamber Music Society was overwhelming, and we are thrilled to welcome them back for a third season. These concerts are offered free of charge to the public. (Donations are gratefully accepted and will help to sustain the series.) A reception follows each concert in the Plainfield Town Hall, next to the church. The church is located at 356 Main Street (Route 116) in the center of Plainfield. For further information, please visit our websites at [www.PlainfieldConcertsat7.com](http://www.PlainfieldConcertsat7.com) or [www.wistaria-chambermusic.com](http://www.wistaria-chambermusic.com) or call 413-634-0025.

**Monday, August 10, 2015, 7 PM**

CLASSY JAZZ

*Jobim, Bolling, Ellington, Gershwin, and others.*

Dúo Fusión: Joe Belmont, guitar and Sarah Swersey, flute

Jerry Noble, piano • Teresa Hayward, vocals

**Monday, August 17, 2015, 7 PM**

ASTRID SCHWEEN, CELLO and  
RANDALL HODGKINSON, PIANO

*Beethoven, Schubert, Brahms, Barber*

**Monday, August 24, 2015, 7 PM**

FANTASÍA

*Castelnuovo-Tedesco, Nin, Villa-Lobos, Rodrigo,*

*Ginastera, Falla, Gardel*

José Lezcano, guitar • Virginia Eskin, piano

David Perkins, baritone • Eileen Ruby, mezzo-soprano

**Monday, August 31, 2015, 7 PM**

THE BORROMEO STRING QUARTET

*Bach, Beethoven, Shostakovich, Schubert*

Nicholas Kitchen, violin • Kristopher Tong, violin

Mai Motobuchi, viola • Yeesun Kim, cello

**PLAINFIELD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Main Street (Rt. 116), Plainfield, MA 01070

ADMISSION FREE

Handicapped Accessible



This program is supported in part by grants from local cultural councils, which are supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

Contact Susan Pearson [spearsonbooks@gmail.com](mailto:spearsonbooks@gmail.com),  
or 413-634-0025

The Goodwill Messenger, deadline for the September issue is August 26, 2015. Any personal news, an event, a business to promote with a paid advertisement or anything else worth noting please send to John at [mrbllooz@verizon.net](mailto:mrbllooz@verizon.net) or Pat at [patakeith@gmail.com](mailto:patakeith@gmail.com), mail to VCC, PO Box 76, Cummington, MA 01026 or leave it in the drop box, marked GWM located in the back entry-way of the Village Church. Please be sure to include all the details, and a contact number in case we have questions.

## Lunch Bunch on Break

The Cummington Ladies Lunch Bunch will not be meeting in August. It's time for summer break. Enjoy and we will be together again in September.

## Historical Museum Program

Cummington's Historical Museum, the Kingman Tavern, will feature Dennis D. Picard presenting as the School Master in, "All to The Tune of a Hickory Stick: A Look at Education in the One Room Schoolhouse", on Saturday, August 1 at 2:30 PM. Mr. Picard, from Westfield, has been a museum professional in the "Living History" field for over 35 years. He began his career at Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge MA in 1978 and currently is Director at Storowton Village Museum in West Springfield.

Each Saturday we feature a special event. Go to: <http://www.cummington-ma.gov/Kingman.php> or check Facebook at Cummington Historical Commission for our calendar.

Most small towns feel fortunate in having a historical museum of two or three rooms. Here in Cummington, the museum is an early 1800's house of seventeen rooms, which was a tavern. There is also a replica of a 1900 country store, a two-story barn, a carriage shed, and an 1840's cider mill. The 5,000 or more articles that fill these buildings reflect the life that has been lived in this small hilltown over the past two hundred years.

The museum is located at 41 Main Street in Cummington and is open 2-5 PM Saturdays in July and August. Refreshments served. You can picnic. For questions, call Pat at 413-563-1981.

*"Getting by with a little help from friends . . ."*

## Benefit for John Maruskin

Following his recent auto accident and hospitalization

**August 22nd, 7 PM-9 PM at the Village Church**

A night of music and song featuring:

Josh and Kim Wachtel

John Bye and Peg Cowan

Laurie Israel and David Perkins

Heather Williams, and more....

With a WOW!

"Build Your Own Sundae Intermission"

Hot Fudge, Maple Syrup and/or Fresh Fruit with cream,  
nuts or granola

**Adults: \$3, Children: \$2, Toddlers: A smile**

Your free will offering will help defray medical expenses and  
assist with the purchase of a new old car!

Questions: Sue Riley 634-8055 Elaine Holder 634-5353

Gardening is about enjoying the smell of things growing in the soil, getting dirty without feeling guilty, and generally taking the time to soak up a little peace and serenity.

—Lindley Karstens, [noproblemgarden.com](http://noproblemgarden.com)

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For personal, church needs or questions please contact one of the Deacons, John Maruskin at 634-5320, Sue Riley at 634-8005, Kathleen Knox at 634-8041 or Pat Keith 634-5084 or leave a message at the church 634-5508.

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*Schedule of Ongoing Events – all at the Community House unless specified*

| Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday                                   |
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| Admin. Assistant<br>Hours<br>9–11 AM                         | Admin. Assistant<br>Hours<br>9–11 AM   | Family Center<br>Play Group<br>9:30–11:30 AM            | Finance Office (Tax<br>Collector, Treas.,<br>Acct.) open 6–7 PM                      | Admin. Assistant<br>Hours<br>9–11 AM              | Transfer Station<br>open<br>7–11 AM        |
| Veterans Agent<br>9–11 AM                                    | Board of Health<br>1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues.<br>7 PM (2nd floor) | Council on Aging<br>Office Hours 9–noon<br>(C.H. Annex) | Town Clerk<br>6–7:30 PM (2nd floor)  | Family Center<br>Play Group<br>off for the summer | Bryant Library<br>open<br>8:30 AM–12:30 PM |
| Assessor Office Hours<br>9:30–11:30 AM<br>(upstairs in C.H.) |  | Bryant Library<br>open 6–9 PM                           | Selectboard meets<br>7 PM  |   |  |
| Bryant Library open<br>6–9 PM                                |  | Transfer Station open<br>5:30–7:30 PM                   | Building Inspector<br>7–9 PM<br>(upstairs in C. H.)                                  |   |  |
|  |  | Planning Board<br>2nd, 4th weeks 7 PM                   | Board of Assessors<br>meets<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays<br>6–8 PM |   |  |
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634-8860

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